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A SUCCESS.

The Boys Corn Growing Club Organized.

More than Forty Members Already Enlisted.—Another Meeting to be held Saturday, March 25th.

A goodly number of the representative citizens and farmers of this county assembled in the court house last Saturday afternoon in response to the notice and call of several days ago. The meeting was held in furtherance of the proposition to form a Boys' Corn Club, and much interest was manifested. Mr. W. T. Kane, the well known agriculturist, was chosen chairman and Dr. G. W. Wroten secretary of the meeting. The chairman made a timely and interesting address to the farmers and the secretary talked along the lines of encouragement and promise to the boys. After Mr. Kane had explained the corn contest a call for additional members of the club was made and the following lads joined:

Oscar Vinson, W. R.'s son, Don-
lton; William Vanhoose, Rube's
son, Denton; Nibert Waller, Col's
son, Potter; Earl Waller, Col's son,
Potter; Carl Akers, John's son, R.
F. D.; Hensley Curantte, John's son,
Irish; Ben Waller, Col's son, Pot-
ter; Wayne See, Crit's son, Wal-
bridge; Henry See, Sam's son, Wal-
bridge; Walter Clayton, Jim's son,
Louis; Meeker Stansberry, Harry's
son, Walbridge; Arlie See, Mont's
son, Louisa; Goody O'Brien, Wal-
bridge; Fred See, Crit's son, Wal-
bridge; Edgar Peters, C. B.'s son,
Louis; Ted Billups, Taylor's son,
Louis; Tom Kise, Tom's son, R.
F. D.; Roy McKinster, E. G.'s son,
Adams; Robert Maynard, Dan's son,
Donlton; Wesley See, A. L.'s son,
Ledocio; T. T. Thompson, Jr., F.
W.'s son, Ledocio; Milton B. Johns
Jim's son, Louisa; J. B. See, F. M.'s
son, R. F. D.; Michael See, F. M.'s
son, R. F. D.; Jon Pfost, Jay G.
Pfost, Clyde Barnett, Madge.

A motion was made and carried
that the secretary draw up a peti-
tion to the fiscal court, to be pre-
sented at its April meeting, asking
that it make an appropriation of
fifty dollars, to be given as prizes
to the boys who will contest in
the coming corn event. Every farm-
er and taxpayer present authorized
the secretary to sign his name to
the petition. After some further
talk the meeting adjourned to meet
at the court house at one o'clock,
p. m. Saturday, March 25. Come
out to this meeting. An interest
is awakening in this corn matter,
and every man who wants to do
better than he has ever done in
raising corn should be present and
show his interest. And boys must
come, too. They are our hope for
the future, and in order that our
best hopes may be realized they
must be taught the right way and
improve on the work of their an-
cestors. Keep the date where you
can see it.

New Railroad Extension.

It is now stated that a further
extension of the Lexington and
Eastern railroad from Potters Fork,
in the coal fields, will be let for
construction within the next few
days, but instead of passing down
Elkhorn to the breaks, with a con-
nection with the Chesapeake and
Ohio's Big Sandy branch, as pre-
viously announced, the line will pass
through the headwaters of Elkhorn
and Boone's Fork, through the
Cumberland Mountain at Pound Gap
by tunnel, and enter Virginia, via
Pound and so on through Wise
county to a connection at Norton
with both the Louisville and Nash-
ville and the Norfolk and Western.
The announcement was made by an
official of the road.

WILL BUILD ROADBED.

The contract for building 28 miles
of the railroad up Shelby, Pike
county, has been awarded to the
firm of C. D. and Keene Langhorne.
They will begin the work of con-
struction immediately.

A Carbon Factory.

The Meteor Carbon company
whose plant is located at Stone-
coal, Wayne county, West Virginia
has begun the manufacture of car-
bon black from natural gas. The
management of the company has
been by J. D. Woodrow and L. E.
Potter. These two gentlemen some
months ago conceived the idea of
building this plant, and organized
a company for that purpose. They
secured over 2,000 acres of good
gas territory in Tug Fork of Big
Sandy river, in West Virginia and
Kentucky, on which they drilled
several gas wells and built the
plant. This is a further indication
of the value of southern West Vir-
ginia's natural resources, which
only need greater development.

These parties are now contem-
plating extending the business so
as to manufacture some of the com-
modities which can be made from
carbon black and West Virginia may
in the near future, be producing
printer's ink, stove polish, shoe
polish and other products of similar
nature.

No Negroes Need Apply.

Frankfort, Ky., Mar. 11. — The
Court of Appeals today delivered
an important school opinion in af-
firming the judgment of the Pike
Circuit Court in the case of Troy
Mullins and others against Ed-
ward Belcher, trustee of School
District 28, in Pike county. Ap-
pellants, by their guardian, sued
to enjoin appellee from prevent-
ing their attending school. He
defended on the ground that ap-
pellants were colored children and
the school was for whites only.
The trial judge found that the
appellants had only one-sixteenth
negro blood, and, as a matter of
law, were colored children, and
not entitled to attend the school.

The Court here says the ques-
tion does not depend upon the
personal appearance of the ap-
plicant pupil; that the question in
its final analysis depends upon
whether or not the person has or
has not "an appreciable admixture
of negro blood."

ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

The Play and Minstrel Performance Will be Repeated.

Yielding to a general request the
play and the minstrel performance
which were given last Tuesday
night will be repeated at Masonic
Hall Saturday night, March 18.
There will be new songs and new
jokes, but otherwise there will be
no change except in the price of
admission, which will be lower. The
News warns you that if you fail to
attend you will miss a fine treat,
something far above the ordinary.

A MEED OF PRAISE.

While many were active and help-
ful in making the play and minstrel
a success it was a large measure
of praise and thanks is due to Mrs.
G. A. Nash for her untiring efforts
along this line. Her taste and
experience in matters of this sort
are noted, and in this instance
were used with splendid effect.

A CEREDO SUICIDE.

Ben. F. Wilson, proprietor of
the Wilson House, at Ceredo, com-
mitted suicide Thursday, by drink-
ing carbolic acid. Domestic trou-
bles are said to have been the
cause of the rash act. He was
about 50 years old and had resid-
ed in Ceredo for several years,
where he was widely known.

WERE WEDDED MONDAY.

On Monday, March 13, Miss Nan-
nie Morris, of Johnson county, and
Mr. James Atkins, of Huntington,
W. Va., were married in this city.
The ceremony occurred at the court
house and the Rev. S. F. Reynolds
officiated.

WORK RESUMED.

The carpenters are now at work
on the new Baptist church, and the
construction will be pushed as rap-
idly as possible. It promises to
be a very handsome structure.

ENJOYABLE AFFAIR.

Entertainment at Masonic Hall Tues- day Night Made a Hit.

What will long be remembered
as the best "show," amateur or
professional, ever given in Louisa
was presented to an audience that
literally packed Masonic Hall from
door to stage on last Tuesday
night. And it was not a "19-20-30"
affair in any particular, either in
price of admission, quality of audi-
ence or kind of performance. Long
before the curtain went up the
house was full of Louisa's best
people. This indicates the quality
of the crowd which could hardly re-
strain its impatience for the en-
tertainment to begin. The wait
for the curtain was rendered less
irksome by the clever rendering of
some popular piano music by Mrs.
John G. Burns. At 7:45 the "drop"
went up and disclosed the setting
for scene one of a farce-comedy in
two acts, entitled "The Delegates
From Denver," with the following
cast:

Mr. JOHN RANDOLPH, An Elderly
Gentleman, John Wade.
MRS. JOHN RANDOLPH, his wife,
Martha Vaughan.
JOHN RANDOLPH, JR., their son,
usually called John, Ed. Spencer.
EDWARD STEELE, a friend of the
family, Brad Chaffin.
LOUISE RANDOLPH, John's sister,
Bessie Reid.
MARGARET BURLEY, Louise's
friend, Jean McClure.
Members of the Eta Pi Sorority,
ROSE WILBUR, Julia Snyder.
JANET VANHOLT, Rebecca Lackey.
GERTRUDE, Goldie Byington.
MAUD, Bessie Snyder.

Scene first was laid in the li-
brary of the Randolph mansion in
New York, and disclosed John Ran-
dolph and Edward Steele. They
were discussing plans for keeping
Margaret Burley from attending a
college girls' society meeting. The
boys did not want Margaret to be
elected president of the Sorority,
but each plan fell through until it
was suggested that the boys at-
tend in the garb of girls as the
Delegates from Denver. The scene
then changes to College Hall, the
place of meeting. The Sorority had
assembled for the meeting and the
election, and the proceedings of
the girls, real and pretended, were
irresistibly funny. Those who know
"John Randolph" and "Edward
Steele" in real life can form only
a faint idea of how they looked
dressed out in modern hobble skirt
gowns and peach basket hats. But
no old stagers could have gotten
more genuine fun out of the parts
than these two young fellows pro-
duced. The girls looked well and
acted well, but when did you ever
know a Louisa girl to do otherwise?

In the play the young men were
just a little more prominent than
were their sisters, but the time for
the fair ones was near at hand. Af-
ter a short wait enlivened by the
piano, the curtain went up for the
Japanese Paroel Drill. Say, now,
you old theater goers, did you
ever see anything of the kind pret-
tier on the stage of the Grand or
the Lyric? Don't believe you ever
did. Here were ten feminines, all
young and pretty, garbed in quaint
and "fitching" Japland costumes
and carrying Japanese parasols.

They marched, counter-marched, knelt
"kow-towed" and smiled, all the
while keeping time to appropriate
music as they went through the
pretty and intricate figures. It was
worth the price of admission and
was enjoyed heartily, and the ten
graces came on again, this time
carrying Japanese lanterns instead
of parasols. The auditorium was
darkened, which added much to
the effectiveness of the pretty pic-
ture. The many evolutions were
again given, winning round after
round of applause. The drill party
did so well that their names are
worthy of the public print: Mrs. J.
L. Richmond, Misses Julia D. Snyder,
Jet O'Neal, Bessie Reid, Bessie Syn-
der, Jean McClure, Willie Frazier,
Martha Vaughan, Goldie Byington
and Rebecca Lackey.

The drill ended part one. Here's
what Part II. was composed of:
An All Star Cast of Old Time and
New Time Minstrels.

WILL E. COME, A. M. Hughes.
TOM A. TOE, John Vaughan.
RUSH D. CAN, T. S. Spradlin.
BIG S. ANDY, Junior Lackey.

L. O. YOU, Geo. R. Lewis.
C. O. DEE, B. E. Adams.
U. R. WISE, R. L. Vinson.
H. I. JAY, Ed. Spencer.
RUFUS RASTUS, M. F. Conley.
I. WILL SEE, H. W. Herr.
TAMBO, End Man, Geo. R. Burgess.
SAMBO, End Man, . . . Brad Chaffin.
BONES, End Man, . . . John G. Burns.
JONES, End Man, . . . John Wade.
MR. JOHNSON, Interlocutor.

G. A. Nash.
MISS MATES, Pianist.
Mrs. John G. Burns.
Overture, Entire Company.
1. Song, "We'll Raise the Roof
Tonight," Rush D. Can & Chorus.
2. Song, "Everloving Spoony Sam,"
Tom A. Toe and Chorus.
3. Accordion Solo, . . . U. R. Wise.
4. Song, "Kelley's Gone to Kingdom
Come," Bones and Chorus.
5. French Horn Solo, Rufus Rastus.
6. Song, "Ohio," Sambo and Chorus.
7. Clog Dancing, Jones.
8. Song, "Sugar Moon,"
Mr. Johnson and Chorus.
9. Banjo Solo, Will E. Come.
10. Song, "Listen to Louisa's Band,"
Jones and Chorus.
11. Bones Specialty, Bones.
12. Medley of Old Time Favorites.
Entire Company.

When the curtain rose on the
last half of the evening's program
it disclosed the darkest picture
ever revealed to a Louisa audience.
Arranged in a semi-circle on the
stage were eighteen of the black-
est figures you ever saw. Even
the fair pianist, not to spoil the
"color scheme," had consented to
the use of the burnt cork. The
only relief to the ebony effect was
the central figure, "Mr. Johnson,
Interlocutor." From the topmost
kink in his wig to his collar all
was as black as tar, but from that
point to the tip of his number "lev-
en" shoes all was white. When
the minstrels were discovered, to
use stage parlance, the merriment
of the big audience was unbound-
ed, and it was several minutes be-
fore the boys in black could pro-
ceed. But when they finally were
able to make themselves heard these
home-grown minstrels of ours
certainly made good. Those who
had speaking parts talked and
sang with a "go" and a finish of
which any old veteran in wig and
cork might be proud. The others
didn't have to say anything with
their mouths to make a hit. Did
you notice "U. R. Wise" and "Will
E. Come" in their accordion and
banjo solos? We doubt if "U. R."
ever had an accordion in his hands
half a dozen times, and "Will E."
is more familiar with the canceling
stamp than he is with the banjo,
but the way they kept up with
the concealed graphophone was
worth going miles to see. The
songs and choruses were excellent,
and the jokes, most of them new,
and the funny local hits brought
down the house, and so did the
dancing of end man "Jones."

The minstrels closed the eve-
ning's entertainment. From the
entry of John Randolph, Jr., and
Edward Steele in "The Delegates
from Denver" to the last chorus in
medley of old time favorites there
was not a dull moment, making the
entire affair a pronounced success.

The receipts were \$66.25. The
proceeds go to the Young People's
Missionary Society.

The entertainment will be re-
peated at reduced prices on Satur-
day evening, with new jokes and
hits and some new music. Further
announcement will be found in an-
other column of this issue.

WAS BURIED SATURDAY.

The remains of the late M. B.
Goble were taken to Ashland's city
of the dead on Saturday morning
for interment. In charge of the
Hampton Masonic Lodge, Mrs. Lil-
lian Burgess, of Mo., a daughter of
the deceased did not arrive until
Friday, hence the delay of the
burial.

DIED AT WEBBVILLE.

Mr. Flem Kitchen, an aged and
much respected citizen, of Webb-
ville, died at that place March 7.
He had lived there many years.

He was 96 years old, and prob-
ably the oldest man in the coun-
ty.

ON A TROUBLOUS SEA.

The Peoples' Advocate and
George B. Terrell, editor, and A.
Q. Rainey, manager, was launched
on the sea of journalism in Pike-
ville a few days ago.

MURDER IN WAYNE.

John F. Bowen, a School Teacher, is the Victim.

The authorities of Wayne county
are grappling with the foulest mur-
der mystery that has ever come to
notice in that county, John Floyd
Bowen, a popular young teacher of
Crum, being the victim.

Two days ago Bowen's mangled
body was found on the railway track
on lower Bull Creek, three miles
north of his home. Marion Chaffin,
who made the discovery, notified
Justice J. B. Crum, who impanel-
ed a coroner's jury and with Dr.
French as the attending physician,
proceeded to conduct an inquest.

At first it was believed that Bow-
en might have been struck by a
fast train while walking near the
mouth of the tunnel. The inquest
had not proceeded far, however,
when it was discovered that he
had been shot twice in the fore-
head, one of the balls having come
out at the top of the head, the
other as far as could be determind,
remaining bedded somewhere in
the cavity of the skull.

Bowen's body was so fearfully
mangled that it would have been
almost unrecognizable but for his
raven black hair and his shoes, and
the garments that clung to the
lower limbs.

Real Estate Deal.

One of the most important real
estate deals that has been made in
this section for many a day was
consummated when the Princess
Land and Mining Company trans-
ferred its large real estate interests,
consisting of several thousand acres
of land to Kent Prichard, of Clar-
ke county.

The deed has been entered for
record in the office of County Clerk
Hughes and consists of more than
thirty pages of closely type written
pages of legal cap paper.—Clarke-
burg Tribune.

AFTER VOTE SELLERS.

A Few Hundred Indictments Expected in Floyd County.

William May, of Prestonsburg,
Commonwealth's Attorney of the
thirty-first judicial district, in a
letter to a Lexington paper, says
that a large number of the indict-
ments in the vote selling investiga-
tion in Floyd county have already
been returned by Floyd county
grand jury and that he expects be-
tween five and six hundred before
the grand jury completes its work
and adjourns.

He adds the people are joining
in and if the press of the State
will stand behind the officers of
the law he will have much greater
success.

Both Circuit Judge Gardner and
Commonwealth's Attorney May have
gone after the alleged vote sellers
and vote buyers in that section in
earnest and will prosecute the
investigation vigorously in Floyd,
Magoffin and Knott counties, with
the prospect that the probe will
reveal in sensation and extent the
Adams county, Ohio, exposure.

MARRIED AT POTTER.

Married, at Potter, Ky., on Mar.
7, D. J. Rowe, of Fort Gay, West
Va., to Miss Erle Bellomy, of Pritch-
ard, West Va. Also, Lloyd Mounts,
of Williamson, to Miss Vergie Mc-
Comas, of Hewlette, West Va. Rev.
Boggs officiating.

AN EXTRA SESSION.

It is reported that Gov. Wilson
will soon call an extra session of
the Legislature to redistrict the
State, pass the County Unit bill,
and revise our tax system. So
they say.

BIG TIMBER RUN.

On the last rise in Big Sandy river
650 rafts of logs went to
market. Also, 50 rafts of crossties.
The number of logs in these rafts
was 41,000 and ties 4,000.

Lynch Law in Morgan.

Garbed as "white caps," a score
or more of women joined with
about 100 men in administering a
whipping to two women in Morgan
County. The beating was most se-
new buggy whips were worn out on
the backs of the women. After
were, as attested by the fact two
that they were forced into a ve-
hicle, sent to the nearest railroad
station and put on a train for their
former home in Breathitt county,
under orders never to return.

The sisters were accused of op-
erating an illicit resort in an isolat-
ed section of Morgan county. No
arrests have been made.

According to a local paper two
young "ladies" did most of the beat-
ing.

The Floyds.

The Floyd Company, a trio of
refined entertainers, will appear
at Masonic Hall Saturday, April 1st,
under the same management which
gave us the delightful course which
closed with the appearance of Mr.
James Frances O'Donnell. This is
a separate venture, however, and
the public will no doubt show a
full appreciation of the efforts made
to please our people. The Floyds
are magicians and musicians of na-
tional fame. They come with the
endorsement of the press of many
cities as being always satisfactory
and satisfactory in all ways. The
News will have more to say of
them next week.

Complimentary Words.

We appreciate all the complimen-
tary expressions that come to us
from time to time about the
News, whether we mention them
in our columns or not. This we
can do only occasionally. The fol-
lowing is from Mr. Milton McDowell,
former Superintendent of Schools
of Johnson county:

"I desire to say that the Big San-
dy News is one among the cleanest
and newest local papers that I
have the privilege of reading; and
aside from its politics, is an ideal
family newspaper. Such papers are
great factors in the up-lift of our
citizenship."

Have Gone To Washington.

Quite a large number of Magoffin
county people went through Lou-
isa last Friday, bound for the State
of Washington. The most of them
will settle at or near Wenatchee,
where several Sandians are now liv-
ing. Sam Salyer, wife and seven
or eight children, with his father,
83 years old, Harwood Jackson,
William Willis, Kearney Prater and
some others were in the party.

A RAILROAD RUMOR.

The Mt. Olivet Tribune-Democrat
has this railroad rumor, which we
give for what it may be worth: "A
report is in circulation that the C.
and O. has bought the Brooksville
& Wellsburg railroad. Should this
report materialize into a reality,
the next move would in all likeli-
hood be an extension of the road
to the coal and timber sections of
the mountains."

SECRETARY SHY.

Perry M. Shy, of Frankfort, has
been elected secretary of the Ken-
tucky State Fair, at a salary of
\$2,500, to succeed J. W. Newman
who has filled the office for the
past three years. The name of
Secretary Newman was not pre-
sented for re-election at the meeting
Hubert Vreeland, of Frankfort, be-
ing Mr. Shy's only opponent.

A DOUBLE HEADED CHILD.

A child was born to Mr. and
Mrs. George Waugh, who reside
near the Highland Stone Compa-
ny's plant, Monday morning, which
had two perfectly developed heads.
It was an exceptionally large baby
and appeared to be in a healthy
condition, but lived only about half
an hour.—Olive Hill Times.

NEW POSTMASTERS.

Mrs. Jun. L. Scott has been ap-
pointed postmaster at Jarred, Pike
county, vice Maynard resigned, and
Logan Mason postmaster at Riddle,
Elliott county, vice W. R. Gillam re-
signed.